

this regard and the action proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) to (c) The Normal Plan Assistance by Central Government for State Plans is formula based and is given in the form of Block Loans/Grants and is not linked to any specific projects. Only Special Category States are permitted to use upto 20% of normal plan assistance for meeting their non-plan gap. Special central assistance is also being provided to the States for basic minimum services (BMS) and Area Development Programmes but these also generally not linked to any particular project. Central assistance is also being provided for Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) which is project based and linked to matching share by State Government. The implementation of AIBP including sanctioning the irrigation projects, release of funds etc., is being carried out by the concerned administrative Ministry.

Central Assistance is also provided for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) which is linked to State's contribution unless it is 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme and is released by various Central Ministries/Departments depending on their implementation. The expenditure on these projects/schemes are monitored by the concerned ministries and not by the Planning Commission.

Illegal Areas Occupied by China

*12. SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of India (in sq. kms.) illegally occupied by China, State-wise and Sector-wise;

(b) whether a Mensor village of Ladakh in Jammu and Kashmir with sizable population is situated well inside Western Tibet on the northern or north-west side of the holy Kailash Prabhat;

(c) if so, whether the Government have raised the issue of Mensor village with the Chinese counterparts in their many talks held in the past; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The area under occupation by China in Jammu & Kashmir is approximately 38,000 sq. kms. In addition under the so called Sino-Pakistan boundary agreement of 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded approximately 5,120 sq. kms of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China.

(b) and (c) During the India-China Officials level talks on the Boundary Question in 1960, Minsar village was referred to by the two sides. The location of this village was then described as being approximately 200 kms. from Ladakh and on the route to Mansarovar.

(d) Does not arise.

Role of Planning Commission

*13. SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to confine the role of Planning Commission to a few sectors of activities that require detailed planning and delegate the responsibility of power for planning in regard to the remaining sectors to Central Ministries and States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) to (c) The role of Planning Commission continue to remain same as given in the Resolution of the Cabinet Secretariat dated the 15th March, 1950 setting up the Planning Commission. However, the Approach Paper to the Ninth Plan envisage formulation and implementation of the Ninth Plan in the spirit of Cooperative Federalism which inter-alia include greater role for the States in the formulation as well as implementation of the Plan schemes. The Approach Paper also envisage preparation of detailed sectoral Plans for certain sectors like power, selected medium and major irrigation projects, critical communication and agricultural development and infrastructure etc.

[Translation]

Computerisation of Employment Exchanges

*14. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT:

SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment exchanges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of computerised employment exchanges in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to make computerisation of employment exchanges a centrally sponsored scheme during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the overall functioning of the employment exchanges in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The State-wise number of Employment Exchanges in the country and the number of Employment Exchanges which are computerised, upto 1992 is given in the attached Statement.

(c) to (e) As per the decision of the National Development Council (NDC), the Centrally Sponsored Scheme

on Computerisation of Employment Exchanges was transferred from Central Sector to State Sector during the year 1992-93. The Ninth Five Year Plan, has not yet been finalised.

The Employment Exchanges function under the admin-

istrative control of the State Governments and they do take steps for effecting improvement in the functioning of Employment Exchanges. The Central Government also makes suggestions to State Governments for their improvement.

Statement

State-wise details of Number of Employment Exchanges

(As on 31.12.1996)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	Number of Employment Exchanges	No. of University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau	Number of Employment Exchanges Computerised upto 1992
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	29	3	22
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	-	-
3.	Assam	50	3	2
4.	Bihar	60	6	4
5.	Goa	1	-	1
6.	Gujarat	36	7	13
7.	Haryana	92	3	
8.	Himachal Pradesh	13	2	3
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	14	-	-
10.	Karnataka	33	5	3
11.	Kerala	67	5	2
12.	Madhya Pradesh	56	9	9
13.	Maharashtra	36	6	6
14.	Manipur	9	-	-
15.	Meghalaya	10	-	-
16.	Mizoram	3	-	-
17.	Nagaland	7	-	-
18.	Orissa	33	4	3
19.	Punjab	43	-	2
20.	Rajasthan	32	3	1
21.	Sikkim*	-	-	-
22.	Tamil Nadu	31	3	10
23.	Tripura	4	-	-

1	2	3	4	5
24.	Uttar Pradesh	76	13	24
25.	West Bengal	70	4	3
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	-	1
27.	Chandigarh	1	1	1
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	-	-
29.	Delhi	17	3	5
30.	Daman & Diu	2	-	-
31.	Lakshadweep	1	-	-
32.	Pondicherry	1	-	1
Total		834	80	117

*No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.

[English]

Ban on Gutka

*15. SHRI HARIN PATHAK:

SHRI RAM NAIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption of Gutka leads to incurable mouth diseases;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that the Government of Goa proposed to enact a legislation to ban the consumption of Gutka;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government also propose to ban the use of Gutka throughout the Country and also propose to give wide publicity in the electronic media etc; and

(d) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in regard to impose a ban on manufacturing and consumption of Gutka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) A high level Technical Committee of Experts constituted by the Government has recommended that systematic clinical/epidemiological studies should be carried out to ascertain the co-relation between consumption of Gutka and its adverse effects. Two proposals for carrying out such epidemiological and animal based studies to be conducted over a period of two to three years have been worked out by the experts. According to the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, packages of Pan masala and chewing tobacco products are required to carry a statutory warning on the label. Further, with effect from November, 1990, the advertisement of Pan Masalas and Tobacco products has

been banned on Doordarshan and All India Radio.

The Food Health Authorities of States/UTs have been advised to educate the masses to discourage consumption of these products.

As per reports received from Government of Goa, enactment of legislation banning chewing/consumption of tobacco like Gutka, Zarda etc. in public places is under consideration of that Government.

Irregularities in Provident Fund Offices

*16. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the large scale irregularities, persisting in Provident Fund Offices;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for speedy disposal of Provident Fund cases;

(c) whether the Government have provided any time frame for disposal of Provident Fund cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) There have been complaints relating to delay in settlement of PF Claims, non deposit of PF Contribution in the subscriber's account, non payment of pension on time etc. in the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Organisation.

(b) The EPF Organisation has set up 16 Regional Offices with 54 Sub-Regional Offices and 7 Sub-Accounts Offices for servicing the employees covered under the EPF & MP Act, 1952. These Offices have been directed to ensure speedy disposal of PF cases. For regular payment of pension, necessary arrangement has been made by the